

Celebrating the holidays, Island style

From Anna Maria south to Bradenton Beach, Island residents shared the holiday joy. Below, top to bottom: Peggy Nash and Rien Mueller pack 25 boxes with food Saturday for needy families at the Community Center for the SHARE program. Chiles Group Marketing Director Caryn Hodge holds up a wreath donated by The Sun for the raffle at the Bridge Street Christmas celebration Saturday. The origami class that meets at the library every month made these delicate ornaments for this Christmas tree in the lobby.



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Above left, Margaret Jenkins, a long-serving member of Anna Maria's planning and zoning board, turned 87 on Dec. 14. Her birthday coincided with the annual party city commissioners give in appreciation for the work of the staff and members of boards and committees. In the midst of the celebration, Mayor Fran Barford honored Jenkins and led a chorus of "Happy Birthday" for her. Above right, Jan Conoly, whose husband, Jim, sits on the planning and zoning board, and Bill Iseman, chairman of the code enforcement board, look over the table of treats. Below right, Bradenton Beach city employees and elected officials enjoyed a holiday party last Friday, Dec. 18, with a luncheon. City Clerks Karen Cervetto and Teri Sanclemente, Programs and Projects Director Lisa Marie Phillips and City Clerk Brenda Mehringer line up for lunch.



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Dozens of kids showed up at the Moose Lodge on Saturday, Dec. 19, to eat a late breakfast and wait for Santa. Above, Cody Bonis gets a stocking full of goodies from Women of the Moose member Joanna Cavosi as he waits for Santa. Right, Andrew Austin, 5, holds his sister, Gracie, 2, in front of the Moose Lodge Christmas tree as their father takes their picture.



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